

## About INPUT

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### Company Profile

INPUT provides planning information, analysis, and recommendations to managers and executives in the information services industries. Through market research, technology forecasting, and competitive analysis, INPUT supports client management in making informed decisions.

Continuous-information advisory services, proprietary research/consulting, merger/acquisition assistance, and multiclient studies are provided to users and vendors of information systems and services (software products, processing and network services, systems management, and systems/software maintenance and support).

Many of INPUT's professional staff have more than 20 years' experience in their areas of specialization. Most have held management positions in large organizations, enabling them to supply practical solutions to complex business problems.

Formed as a privately held corporation in 1974, INPUT has become a leading international research and consulting firm. Clients include more than 100 of the world's largest and most technically advanced companies.

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### Staff Credentials

INPUT's staff have been selected for their broad background in a variety of functions, including planning, marketing, operations, and information processing. Many of INPUT's professional staff have held executive positions in some of the world's leading organizations, both as vendors and users of information services, in areas such as the following:

- Processing Services
- Professional Services
- Turnkey Systems
- Applications Software
- Field (customer) Service
- Banking and Finance
- Insurance
- Process Manufacturing
- Telecommunications
- Federal Government

Educational backgrounds include both technical and business specializations, and many INPUT staff hold advanced degrees.



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## U.S. and European Advisory Services

INPUT offers the following advisory services on an annual subscription basis.

### **1. Market Analysis Program—U.S.**

The Market Analysis Program provides up-to-date U.S. information services market analyses, five-year forecasts, trend analyses, vertical/cross-industry market reports, an on-site presentation, hotline inquiry service, and sound recommendations for action. It covers software products, turnkey systems, processing and network services, and professional services markets. It is designed to satisfy the planning and marketing requirements of current and potential information services vendors.

### **2. Market Analysis Program—Europe**

This program is designed to help vendors of software and services with their market planning. It examines the issues in the marketplace, from both a user and a vendor viewpoint. It provides detailed five-year market forecasts to help plan for future growth.

### **3. Vendor Analysis Program—U.S.**

A comprehensive reference service covering more than 400 U.S. information services vendor organizations, VAP is often used for competitive analysis and prescreening of acquisition and joint-venture candidates. Profiles on leading vendors are updated regularly, and hotline inquiry service is provided.

### **4. Vendor Analysis Program—Europe**

This is an invaluable service for gaining competitive information and for seeking targets for partnerships or acquisitions. The service provides profiles on some 450 European software and services vendors. A hotline enquiry service provides details on companies not covered by the profiles.

### **5. Electronic Data Interchange Program**

Focusing on what is fast becoming a major computer/communications market opportunity, this program keeps you well informed. Through monthly newsletters, timely news flashes, comprehensive studies, and telephone inquiry privileges, you will be informed and stay informed about the events and issues impacting this burgeoning market.

### **6. Network Services Program—Europe**

Network services is a fast-growing area of the software and services industry. This program is essential to vendors of EDI, electronic information services, and network products and services, keeping clients informed of the latest developments in the European marketplace.



**7. Systems Integration Program—U.S.**

Focus is on the fast-moving world of systems integration and the provision of complex information systems requiring vendor management and installation of multiple products and services. The program includes an annual market analysis of the U.S. systems integration market, SI vendor profiles and updates, topical market analysis reports, and an annual SI seminar.

**8. Systems Operations Program—U.S.**

This program focuses on the exciting resurgence of the market for outsourcing systems operations. It includes an annual market analysis report of the systems operations market, SO vendor profiles and updates, topical market analysis reports, and an annual SO seminar.

**9. Systems Management Program—Europe**

Systems integration and systems operations (facilities management) are key growth areas for the decade. This program examines these two areas and analyzes current market trends, user needs, and vendor offerings.

**10. Federal Information Systems and Services Program**

This program presents highly specific information on U.S. federal government procurement practices, identifies information services vendor opportunities, and provides guidance from INPUT's experienced Washington professionals to help clients maximize sales effectiveness in the federal government marketplace.

**11. State Information Systems and Services Program (proposed)**

This program presents extensive information on state government spending, procurement policies, identifies key contacts, opportunities, and provides guidance from INPUT's experienced professionals to help clients maximize sales opportunities in the state government marketplace.

**12. Information Systems Program**

ISP is designed for executives of large information systems organizations and provides crucial information for planning, procurement, and management decision making. This program is widely used by both user and vendor organizations.

**13. Customer Service Program—International**

This program provides customer service organization management with data and analyses needed for marketing, technical, financial, and organizational planning. The program pinpoints user perceptions of service received, presents vendor-by-vendor service comparisons, and analyzes and forecasts service markets for large systems, minicomputers, personal computer systems, and third-party maintenance. A monthly newsletter helps clients keep informed of the latest developments in the market.



#### 14. Customer Service Program—Europe

Customer service is an expanding area. Companies are now expanding from hardware service to more software-related maintenance and professional services. This program helps vendors penetrate these new areas and provides guidelines for future market strategy. A monthly newsletter helps clients keep abreast of the latest developments in the market.

#### 15. Worldwide Information Services Market Forecasts

In 1989 INPUT initiated this research study, which provides an international forecast for the information services market.

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#### Customized Advisory Services

In addition to standard continuous-information programs, INPUT will work with you to develop and provide a customized advisory service that meets your unique requirements.

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#### Acquisition Services

INPUT also offers acquisition services that are tailor-made for your requirements. INPUT's years of experience and data base of company information about information systems and services companies have helped many companies in their acquisition processes.

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#### An Effective Combination

INPUT'S Executive Advisory Services are built on an effective combination of research-based studies, client meetings, informative conferences, and continuous client support. Each service is designed to deliver the information you need in the form most useful to you, the client. Executive Advisory Services are composed of *varied combinations of the following products and services*:

##### Research-Based Studies

Following a proven research methodology, INPUT conducts major research studies throughout each program year. Each year INPUT selects issues of concern to management. Topical reports are prepared and delivered throughout the calendar year.

##### Information Service Industry Reports

INPUT's Executive Advisory Services address specific issues, competitive environments, and user expenditures relative to:

Software Products  
Processing Services  
Network Services  
Systems Integration  
Systems Operations

Professional Services  
Turnkey Systems  
Small-Systems Service  
Third-Party Maintenance  
Large-Systems Service





**Industry-Specific Market Reports**

Detailed analyses of market trends, forces driving the markets, problems, opportunities, and user expenditures are available for the following sectors:

Discrete Manufacturing	Insurance
Process Manufacturing	Medical
Transportation	Education
Utilities	Business Services
Telecommunications	Consumer Services
Retail Distribution	Federal Government
Wholesale Distribution	State and Local Government
Banking and Finance	Miscellaneous Industries

**Cross-Industry Market Report**

A separate analysis covers the following cross-industry application areas:

Accounting	Office Systems
Education and Training	Planning and Analysis
Engineering and Scientific	Other Cross-Industry Sectors
Human Resources	

**Hotline: Client Inquiry Services**

Inquiries are answered quickly and completely through use of INPUT's Client Hotline. Clients may call any INPUT office (San Francisco, New York, Washington D.C., London, or Paris) during business hours or they may call a voicemail service to place questions after hours. This effective Hotline service is the cornerstone of every INPUT Executive Advisory Service.

**The Information Center**

One of the largest and most complete collections of information services industry data, the Information Center houses literally thousands of up-to-date files on vendors, industry markets, applications, current/emerging technologies, and more. Clients have complete access to the Information Center. In addition to the information contained in its files, the center maintains an 18-month inventory of over 130 major trade publications, vendor consultant manuals, economic data, government publications, and a variety of important industry documents.

**Access to INPUT Professional Staff**

Direct access to INPUT's staff, many of whom have more than 20 years of experience in the information industry, provides you with continuous research and planning support. When you buy INPUT, you buy experience and knowledge.



**Client Conference**

You can attend INPUT's Client Conference. This event addresses the status and future of the information services industry, the competitive environment, important industry trends potentially affecting your business, the impact of new technology and new service offerings, and more.

You will attend with top executives from many of the industry's leading, fastest-growing, and most successful vendor companies—and with top Information Systems (IS) managers from some of the world's most sophisticated user organizations.

**On-Site Presentation by INPUT Executives**

Many of INPUT's programs offer an informative presentation at your site. Covering the year's research, this session is scheduled at the convenience of the client.

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**Proprietary Research Service**

INPUT conducts proprietary research that meets the unique requirements of an individual client. INPUT's custom research is effectively used:

**For Business Planning**

Planning for new products, planning for business startups, planning for expansion of an existing business or product line—each plan requires reliable information and analysis to support major decisions. INPUT's dedicated efforts and custom research expertise in business planning ensure comprehensive identification and analysis of the many factors affecting the final decision.

**For Acquisition Planning**

Successful acquisition and divestiture of information services companies requires reliable information. Through constant contact with information services vendor organizations and continuous tracking of company size, growth, financials, and management "chemistry," INPUT can provide the valuable insight and analysis you need to select the most suitable candidates.

**For the Total Acquisition Process**

INPUT has the credentials, the data base of company information, and—most importantly—the contacts to assist you with total acquisition and/or partnering relationship processes:

- Due Diligence
- Schedules and Introduction
- Criteria & Definitions
- Retainer and Fee-Based
- Active Search



**For Competitive Analysis**

Knowing marketing and sales tactics, product capabilities, strategic objectives, competitive postures, and strengths and weaknesses of your competition is as critical as knowing your own. The career experience of INPUT's professionals—coupled with INPUT's collection and maintenance of current financial, strategic, tactical, and operational information about more than 400 active companies—uniquely qualifies INPUT to provide the best competitive information available today.

**For Market and Product Analysis**

Developing new products and entering new markets involves considerable investment and risk. INPUT regularly conducts research for clients to identify product requirements, market dynamics, and market growth.

**More About INPUT...**

- More than 5,000 organizations, worldwide, have charted business directions based on INPUT's research and analysis.
- Many clients invest more than \$50,000 each year to receive INPUT's recommendations and planning information.
- INPUT regularly conducts proprietary research for some of the largest companies in the world.
- INPUT has developed and maintains one of the most complete information industry libraries in the world (access is granted to all INPUT clients).
- INPUT clients control an estimated 70% of the total information industry market.
- INPUT analyses and forecasts are founded upon years of practical experience, knowledge of historical industry performance, continuous tracking of day-to-day industry events, knowledge of user and vendor plans, and business savvy.
- INPUT analysts accurately predicted the growth of the information services market—at a time when most research organizations deemed it a transient market. INPUT predicted the growth of the microcomputer market in 1980 and accurately forecasted its slowdown in 1984.



**For More Information . . .**

INPUT offers products and services that can improve productivity, and ultimately profit, in your firm. Please give us a call today. Our representatives will be happy to send you further information on INPUT services or to arrange a formal presentation at your offices.

For details on delivery schedules, client service entitlement, or Hotline support, simply call your nearest INPUT office. Our customer support group will be available to answer your questions.

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